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Aug. 25, 1975

Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Langley, Virginia

Dear Gen. Walters:

Perhaps you are the man I should be contacting. I just read a local newspaper article concerning your criticism of the massive attacks being made on CIA.

For several weeks I have been hoping for some sort of a reply to my correspondence which started with [redacted] - then to [redacted] Dave Phillips and finally Bill Colby. A copy of that last letter is enclosed which explains what I am trying to do.

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I spent last weekend with Paul Weston and Jo Stafford, both of whom have already read THE DEADLIEST COLONEL and who were most anxious to help me in its promotion. Weston has already talked to both Johnny Carson and Merv Griffin who have agreed to letting me appear on their shows. I have yet to give a talk on my book that does not draw questions from the audience about the CIA and its current bad press. I have always clearly pointed out I know only what has been printed but that the CIA side is not being presented and if it were there would be quite a different picture to ponder. I have stated that in any intelligence gathering there must be secrecy and in general tried to explain the necessity for certain phases of CIA activities.

Rather than go on I think I will just let the enclosed material speak for itself - except to say that time is of the essence. I am convinced I can clear my appointments and do such a book in 30 straight working days. But the ball now rests in your court and with this letter to you I rest my case. I can honestly say in this case I am altruistic and continue pushing this because I feel it must be done and I feel I occupy a unique position to do it. I can only hope you concur.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Moon

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August 4, 1975

Mr. Wm. Colby, Director  
C.I.A.  
Langley, Virginia

Dear Mr. Colby:

The attached copies of letters [redacted] and Dave Phillips are self explanatory. In a nutshell I want to write a book that will give some true facts to counteract the anti-CIA publicity now given daily by the press.

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I served in O.S.S. during WW II and just now have a book coming on the market (Vantage Press) that took 5½ years in research. A flyer gives some of its highlights. I have been doing free lance writing for many years and have contacts with some of the show biz people who are really more disturbed about the bad publicity CIA is getting than you would imagine.

Having lived a life apart from the intelligence community for nearly 30 years now and being comfortably ensconced in suburban, middle class America I feel I have an approach different from many other writers. I have invitations now to go to Japan to meet with officers of their 18th Div. whom we fought against in Burma - from one of our top Burmese agents in Rangoon and others throughout the world. These came about due to the extensive research on THE DEADLIEST COLONEL.

In my opinion timing is of the essence should such a book be done telling the CIA side of the story. My approach might be spelled out more clearly in the suggested title "O.S.S.-C.I.A. REVISITED". It should tell the story of just what the domestic surveillance did uncover - the selection and training of agents - internal controls and discipline - how bad press has harmed your operations through diminished overseas contacts - a minute examination of those groups constantly harassing the agency with a study of their motives and track record - a close look at some of those on the Congressional Committee to investigate CIA etc. I began collecting major articles from Newsweek, U.S. News and Time in 1971 and have many other articles from columnists that are both pro and con on the intelligence community. My intent is not to put out a white-wash or even to sermonize with "the end justifies the means" approach. Rather to report factually in such a way that the public can draw its own conclusions. I still have much faith in the overall public.

Since my completing THE DEADLIEST COLONEL I have read books on the top Russian espionage in Germany ("Direktor"); Israel's top agent in the six day war ("The Champagne Spy") and Germany's Gen. Gehlen ("The General Was A Spy"). For the book itself I read over 24 other books in research.

As time is of the essence in my proposed "O.S.S.-C.I.A. REVISITED" let me repeat my original thought - I believe I can do such a book in 30 straight working days. I can plug the book as I make appearances for my book on Col. Eifler. I will have to find a publisher that can give it immediate priority but do not think this an impossible task.

I propose this, not because I am pressed for a subject for another book (I already have planned a biography of orchestra leader Carmen Dragon as well as one on Paul Weston and Jo Stafford) but because I honestly feel something like this must be done. As I have said to Ace Ellis - if someone else is doing it then I will feel better. If not, I want to do it. What do I want from you? Simply your agreement to let me do it and making someone available to give me facts and figures insofar as you are willing.

It is my opinion I can be of far greater service remaining outside Phillip's ARIO and writing this book. I know I would face questions on TV shows of 'any ties' or 'connection' or 'influence' of CIA in my writings and this way I can honestly say 'none'.

I am active in a cultural organization with the goal of establishing a Music Center in Orange County. As such I have been in correspondence with Peking, China and may even be traveling over there. I point this out just to show other activities within my background.

STAT My home phone is [ ] and my office is 714 534 6250 should someone from your organization wish to talk with me. If you think this proposal of mine has merit I would be most pleased to discuss it in more detail than I can include in this letter.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom Moon



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Carl Bifler

O.S.S. Colonel Carl F. Bifler, head of espionage and covert operations in the far east during World War II. Labeled by many as the deadliest of all O.S.S. agents his story includes:

- ....while acting as undercover Customs Agent in Tijuana his discovery of a Japanese spy ring in 1934
- ....first knowledge that Mexico was part of the Axis with Japanese promise to award them Calif., Arizona and New Mexico at successful conclusion of the pending war
- ....given command of first OSS unit to go against the enemy - just four months after Pearl Harbor
- ....battled for position in China against Gen. Tai Li, head of dreaded Chinese Secret Police (the Blue Shirts)
- ....suffered major brain injury in heavy surf while putting agents ashore in central Burma (all were captured and killed)
- ....clashed with British Gen. Orde Wingate over Bifler's execution of natives. Wingate repeated his opinion in a letter which cost Wingate command of the American Infantry later known as Merrill's Marauders
- ....took assignment to assassinate Chiang Kai-shek to enable U.S. backing of Mao Tse-tung. Prior to assassination he was called off by the originator of the idea
- ....supposedly relieved of Orient command due to amnesia from brain injury but given top secret assignment to enter Germany and kidnap their top atom scientist. Plan aborted at last minute as U.S. Manhattan Project gave us the secret first
- ....assigned to plan major revolution in Korea and penetrate Japan. Established secret camp for Korean agents on Catalina Island. These men landed on Orange County coast in small OSS submarine to carry out 'missions'. None were ever detected or caught and no prior warning was given any American authority
- ....at end of war declared a vegetable due to constant pain and ringing in ears. Amnesia rendered him unable to do anything
- ....through sheer inner strength and determination he entered college and in 11 straight years received a Bachelor of Divinity and a Ph. D. in Psychology with a 4.0 average
- ....retired June 1973 as Clinical Psychologist for State of Calif. after illustrious career in U.S. Customs, U.S. Army, O.S.S. and practice in Monterey County

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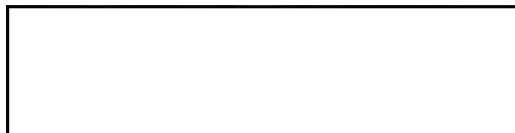
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Aug. 26, 1975

Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, Deputy Director  
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Washington, D.C. 20505

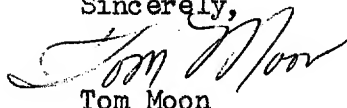
Dear Gen. Walters:

Yesterday I sent you a letter which will probably arrive about the same time as this one. Just after I mailed it I received a letter in reply from Mr. Angus Thuermer. A copy of his letter is attached as well as mine in reply.

I think this about closes it, Gen. Walters. I had hoped to fill a need but it evidently is already being filled by others - at least I hope so.

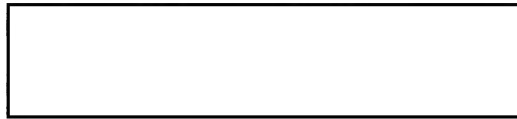
I do want you to know my best wishes are with you all and if there is any way I can be of assistance I will certainly do so.

Sincerely,



Tom Moon

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August 26, 1975

Mr. Angus MacLean Thuermer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Thuermer:

Thank you for your letter of August 20th which reached me today.

I am sure there are any given number of books on CIA in the works. My only hope is that some of them are favorable and that they are ones that the public will find of sufficient interest to buy and read.

I'm afraid I did not make myself clear on the subject of someone being made available to me to provide facts and figures. That sounds presumptuous. I did not mean it to be so. I simply meant someone who might grant me some time in an interview and answer some basic questions. I would of course be willing to submit any completed manuscript to you for your final approval in case I did put in something you did not want printed. My final interest does not lie in just producing an 'interesting product'. I could probably do so by joining in the current anti-CIA publicity but I did intend doing something that I had hoped might be of benefit to the agency and our country. I do not feel my opinions and past experiences would be sufficient to generate a story. I would need more current information.

If you feel I might not be worth the chance then I will drop my idea but I do want to leave you with the thought that I am deeply distressed over the current press attacks and will do whatever I can in my appearances and talks to defend the need for secrecy and support of all CIA operations.

Thanks for listening to me.

Sincerely,

Tom Moon



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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

August 20, 1975

Mr. Tom Moon

[Redacted]

Dear Mr. Moon,

Thank you for your letter of August 4 addressed to Mr. Colby.

A number of persons have book manuscripts in the works, both ex-CIA and otherwise.

With Agency alumni, of course, we have the secrecy agreement factor. They submit their manuscript for review by us solely to assure that they have included no classified information learned during the course of their employment at the Agency.

It does not appear to be appropriate to make somebody available to give you the "facts and figures" for your interesting project, but I am sure that with your wide research, and contacts among old hands, you will be able to produce an interesting product.

[Redacted]  
Angus MacLean Yhuermer  
Assistant to the Director

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